

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

ISAAH FORMAN,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Cause No.: 4:19-cv-02356-SNLJ
vs.	)	
	)	Jury Trial Demanded
DAVID MAAS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES - 42 U.S.C. §1983**

COMES NOW Plaintiff Isaiah Forman, by and through his undersigned counsel, and with consent of opposing counsel, for his Amended Complaint for excessive force against police officer David Maas would state as follows:

1. Plaintiff Isaiah Forman is an adult individual and a resident of the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

2. Defendant David Maas (hereinafter, "Officer Maas") is an individual, and at all times relevant to this action, was a police officer with the Woodson Terrace, Missouri Police Department.

**Jurisdiction**

3. Isaiah Forman brings this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 and §1988 and the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**Venue**

4. The events complained of occurred in St. Louis County, Missouri, within the venue of this Court.

**Color of State Law**

5. At all times relevant to this action, Officer Maas acted under color of state law. Particularly, at all times relevant to this action, Officer Maas acted under color of the laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs and usages of the State of Missouri and its political subdivisions.

**Jury Demand**

6. Isaiah Forman demands trial by jury.

**Facts**

7. That on or about April 14, 2019, Officer Maas assaulted and battered the person of Isaiah Forman in connection with an attempt by Officer Maas and others to arrest Isaiah Forman.

8. That at the time of such assault, Isaiah Forman was engaged in no offensive or aggressive behavior and had physically surrendered peaceably to the police including Officer Maas.

9. That despite such surrender on the part of Isaiah Forman, Officer Maas approached Isaiah Forman with his weapon drawn and proceeded to repeatedly kick and strike Isaiah Forman about the head, body and chest.

10. That at the time of such assault and battery, Isaiah Forman was not engaged in any aggressive behavior, was not posing any risk of injury or threat to himself, the police officers, or the general public and had, in fact, physically surrendered to the above-referenced officers.

11. Officer Maas' conduct violated clearly established statutory or constitutional rights which a reasonable person would have known.

**Count I**  
**Fourth Amendment**  
**Excessive Force**

12. Plaintiff Isaiah Forman repeats and realleges the material allegations of paragraphs 1 through 11 hereinabove and incorporates the same herein for all purposes.

13. Under the totality of the circumstances, it was unreasonable for Officer Maas to use force to:

- a) threaten Plaintiff with his firearm displayed; and/or
- b) kick Plaintiff in the head, chest and body.

14. Plaintiff Isaiah Forman has a well established Fourth Amendment constitutional right to be free of unreasonable or excessive force.

15. That as a direct and proximate result of the above and foregoing acts of Officer Maas, Isaiah Forman has suffered the following actual damages:

- a) Pain, suffering, fear, terror and emotional distress as a result of the unconstitutional beating and unreasonable treatment;
- b) Past medical bills and expenses for his care, treatment and cure of the injuries sustained as a result of such unconstitutional beating and unreasonable treatment;
- c) The cost of future medical care, treatment and cure;
- d) Traumatic brain injury and the normal consequences thereof; and
- e) Reasonable attorney's fees, taxable and non-taxable costs associated with the prosecution of this action.

**Attorney's Fees and Costs-42 U.S.C. §1988**

16. Plaintiff Isaiah Forman's substantive claims are brought under the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1983.

17. In pursuit of his federal civil rights claims, Plaintiff has been incurring reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including taxable and non-taxable costs.

18. If and when Plaintiff prevails in this litigation by materially altering the relationship between Plaintiff and Officer Maas by entry of judgment or reaching settlement in favor of Plaintiff and against Officer Maas, Plaintiff will seek his reasonable attorney's fees and costs under § 42 U.S.C. §1988.

**Punitive Damages**

19. The actions of Officer Maas were malicious or recklessly indifferent to and in violation of Plaintiff's constitutional right to be free of unlawful and excessive force and were taken in the face of a perceived risk that they would violate federal law.

**No Qualified Immunity**

20. No objectively reasonable officer would believe that the arrest of Isaiah Forman would reasonably require the force engaged in by Officer Maas.

21. There was no conflicting information that could not be immediately resolved.

22. Officer Maas was plainly incompetent or knowingly violated the law.

23. Plaintiff's constitutional rights at issue and the claims herein alleged were clearly established before the incident.

24. The events were sufficiently similar to other cases to have put Officer Maas on notice that his conduct was unconstitutional or his conduct was so egregious or obvious that a prior factually on point decision is unnecessary to make illegality clear.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff Isaiah Forman prays for judgment under 42 U.S.C. 1983 and 1988 against Officer David Maas in his individual capacity for excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment, for compensatory damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimums of this Court, for punitive damages, for reasonable attorney's fees, and non-taxable expenses, for costs, and for such other and further relief as the Court finds to be just, reasonable and proper.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing was filed on **September 13, 2019** electronically with the Clerk of Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon all counsel of record.

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